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FOR AMBASSADOR FROM SECRETARY

E. O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OVIP (KISSINGER, HENRY A.)

SUBJECT: AMBASSADOR'S MEETING WITH PRESIDENT SADAT

REF: CAIRO 10656

1. WHEN YOU SEE PRESIDENT SADAT, PLEASE TELL HIM THAT UPON COMPLETION OF MY TALKS WITH THE SHAH, AND PRIME MINISTER BHUTTO, I AM ONCE AGAIN IMPRESSED WITH THE ADMIRATION WHICH THESE LEADERS HAVE FOR HIM AND THE DEPTH OF THEIR CONCERN FOR THE SUCCESS OF THE FARSIGHTED POLICIES TOWARD MIDDLE EAST PEACE SETTLEMENT THAT EGYPT HAS BEEN PURSUING UNDER HIS LEADERSHIP FOR ALMOST THREE YEARS NOW. THE LEADERS I MET RECOGNIZE, AS WE DO, THAT PRESIDENT SADAT CONTINUES TO HAVE THE KEY ROLE TO PLAY IN GUIDING THE AREA ON A COURSE OF REASON AND MODERATION. AT THE SAME TIME, I FOUND THE SHAH AND BHUTTO, IN PARTICULAR, CONCERNED ABOUT THE POTENTIAL ADVSRSE IMPLICATIONS OF THE CONTINUING CRISIS IN LEBANON FOR THE ACHIEVEMENT OF OUR COMMON LONG-RUN OBJECTIVES IN THE AREA. IN MY TALKS WITH THE SHAH, WHO AS PRESIDENT SADAT KNOWS IS AN ASTUTE OBSERVER OF THE MIDDLE EAST SCENE, HIS MAJESTY REITERATED TO ME HIS CONCERN THAT DEVELOPMENTS IN LEBANON COULD LEAD TO A RADICALIZATION IN SYRIA. IF PRESIDENT ASAD'S

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POSITION WERE UNDERMINED BECAUSE OF LEBANON,

THE SHAH FEARS IT WOULD CREATE A "RED CRESCENT" OF ARAB FORCES IN THE NORTH DOMINATED BY IRAQ TO THE BENEFIT OF THE SOVIET UNION. I KNOW THAT THE SHAH HAS EXPRESSED THESE VIEWS TO PRESIDENT SADAT DIRECTLY, BUT I THOUGHT I WORTH REPEATING TO HIM THAT THEY CONTINUE TO BE A SOURCE OF DEEP CONCERN TO HIS MAJESTY. AT THE SAME TIME THE SHAH AND I AGREED THAT EGYPT IS THE KEY TO MIDDLE EAST PEACE AND THAT SADAT'S LEADERSHIP MUST BE SUPPORTED AT ALL COSTS. BHUTTO SHARES THIS VIEW.

2. I ALSO RAISED THE BANK CREDIT URGENTLY WITH ANSARY AND WITH THE MINISTER OF THE COURT, ALAM.

3. PLEASE GIVE PRESIDENT SADAT MY WARM PERSONAL REGARDS AND TELL HIM THAT I AM VERY MUCH LOOKING FORWARD TO YOUR REPORT FOLLOWING YOUR CONVERSATIONS WITH THE PRESIDENT ON MONDAY.
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